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Att. Jane Henney

Attached is an article that  
appeared in the Nutrition  
Action magazine of which I'm  
sure your aware.

I take a personal interest in  
this subject as I have experienced  
it first hand. Last spring a  
bout with respiratory problems  
left me with a more serious asthma.

The bottom line is that the  
antibiotics no longer did their  
job.

Please, please help to ban  
fluoroquinolones use for poultry.

Thank you, Hazel Monaco

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## Antibiotics in Danger

The next time you end up with food poisoning, a urinary tract infection, or pneumonia, don't be surprised if the doctor prescribes a fluoroquinolone like the broad-spectrum antibiotic Cipro.

And don't be surprised if the drug doesn't work.

In May, researchers reported that *Campylobacter*, a bacteria that causes food poisoning, is becoming resistant to fluoroquinolones. The reason: poultry farmers treat their entire flocks with the drug.

"The Food and Drug Administration caved in to drug-industry pressure when it approved fluoroquinolones for treating flocks of poultry," said Patricia Lieberman, director of CSPI's Antibiotic-Resistance Project.

"If fluoroquinolones fail, doctors still have one more drug to treat people who get food poisoning from *Campylobacter*," she adds. "But there is no other drug to treat *Salmonella* infections. If *Salmonella* becomes resistant, food poisoning could be fatal."

To urge the FDA to ban fluoroquinolones in poultry, write to FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857 ([khamric@oc.fda.gov](mailto:khamric@oc.fda.gov)).



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